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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Barnett, William, House other names/site number 60-472

2. Location

street & number west side VA Rt. 637, 1/10 mi. N of VA Rt. 63B N/A not for publication city, town Alleghany Springs vicinity state Virginia code VA county Montgomery code 121 zip code 24162

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: Prehistoric and Historic Resources of Montgomery County

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. see continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official

5. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is: entered in the National Register. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)

## 6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: two-story rectangular single-pen plan

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE; limestone

walls WOOD; weatherboard

roof METAL; tin

other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The William Barnett House is a long structure of two stories consisting of a number of elements of different dates. It is located facing an old roadbed just off VA Rt. 637 between Shawsville and Alleghany Springs on the South Fork of the Roanoke River. The earliest portion seems to be a central log section of two stories. A two-story frame or log addition and adjacent room were added in the mid-nineteenth century on the southeast end, and a frame two-room section with central chimney was added to the northwest end. A two-story ornamental porch spans the entire front of the building and features chamfered posts and sawn balusters. The second-story posts and the first-story posts do not line up. A brick chimney of two stories is located at the southeast end and a brick chimney with fireplaces on each side rises in the northwest addition. A late nineteenth-century springhouse has been incorporated into an early twentieth-century frame extension to the northwest. A frame two-story one-room addition was made to the southwest of the log section in the late nineteenth century. It features an exterior brick chimney. The entire dwelling is covered by a gabled standing-seam metal roof. Logs are exposed on the interior, and the wood chinking is visible. Panels and trim under windows suggest former doors where windows are now located. In the second-floor southeast room a blocky Greek Revival mantel survives as well as vertical and horizontal beaded wall sheathing. The house is equipped with both panel and batten doors. The rear wing incorporates six-over-six double-hung sash windows and the plastered interior includes a chamfered pilastered mantel in the lower room and a bracketed mantel in the upper room as well as beaded tongue-and-groove and pedimented door surrounds. The springhouse contains a poured-in-place concrete foundation.

A two-story, single-pen log kitchen with untrimmed floor joists, wooden chinking, and whitewashed exterior and interior logs stands to the north of the house on the opposite side of the drive. The interior incorporates an enclosed winder stair and the whole is covered with a corrugated metal roof. Evidence of a chimney survives at the northeast gable end. A small stone shed-roofed greenhouse is built into a bank to the northeast of the house dating from the early twentieth-century and an early twentieth-century corncrib is located east of the house. The front walk extending from the front door to the driveway is lined with boxwood and the drive is lined on its southeast side by a poured concrete retaining wall.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance  
ca. 1827 - 1937

Significant Dates  
N/A

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The William Barnett House is significant under criterion C as a remarkable structure consisting of an amalgamation of additions incorporating an early nineteenth-century house under a long gabled roof. The structure, which stands to one side of an early road bed, is suggestive of long buildings typical of regional towns such as Newbern and Christiansburg where buildings were extended parallel with the road frontage as the village grew. The building exhibits the kinds of change that typified early buildings as they grew and were adapted to fit new needs and expectations. The house has been well maintained and from its log interior to its late nineteenth-century porch exhibits a continuity rivaled by few other buildings in the county.

According to local tradition, the oldest part of the house dates to 1813. A canal survey of 1827 shows two structures on the site (Crozet). Pearl Vest in the 1937 WPA Inventory dates the oldest portion of the house to 1850, but mentions the possibility of an earlier date. Between 1849 and 1877 the house was owned principally by Barnetts. In 1877 it was bought by Erastus H. Taylor; it was owned by the Taylor family until recently. E.H. Taylor made additions between 1885 and 1890. He also built a toll bridge across the South Fork of the Roanoke River, which is crossed by a bridge to the immediate south.

The log kitchen was moved across the branch from near the house some time before 1937. It, the drive-through corncrib, and the greenhouse are evocative of the farm's growth as expectations changed through time and exhibit the use of the house and its domestic space from the early nineteenth century to the early twentieth century. The house, as completed in the early twentieth century, exhibits a cohesive whole with its long gallery and end chimney belying the many additions and alterations it has undergone. It contains considerable information helpful in the understanding of the way homes evolved in the regional vernacular tradition.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Crozet, Claudius. "Map of the Summit Level of the Alleghany." Survey, August 1827. No. 531, Virginia State Library.

Vest, Pearl C. WPA of Virginia Historical Inventory, "William Barnett's Home."

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 2.5 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A on the west side of VA Rt. 637, 1/10 mi. north of VA Rt. 638, proceeding south 92.5 feet along the west side of VA Rt.637 to point B, thence west 150 feet along a stream to point C, thence south 175 feet to point D, thence west 402.5 feet to point E, thence north 190 feet to point F, thence east 392.5 feet to point G, thence south 25 feet to point H, thence east 160 feet to point of origin.

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries were chosen to include the house, out buildings, and domestic-related space as defined by the road and the stream.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

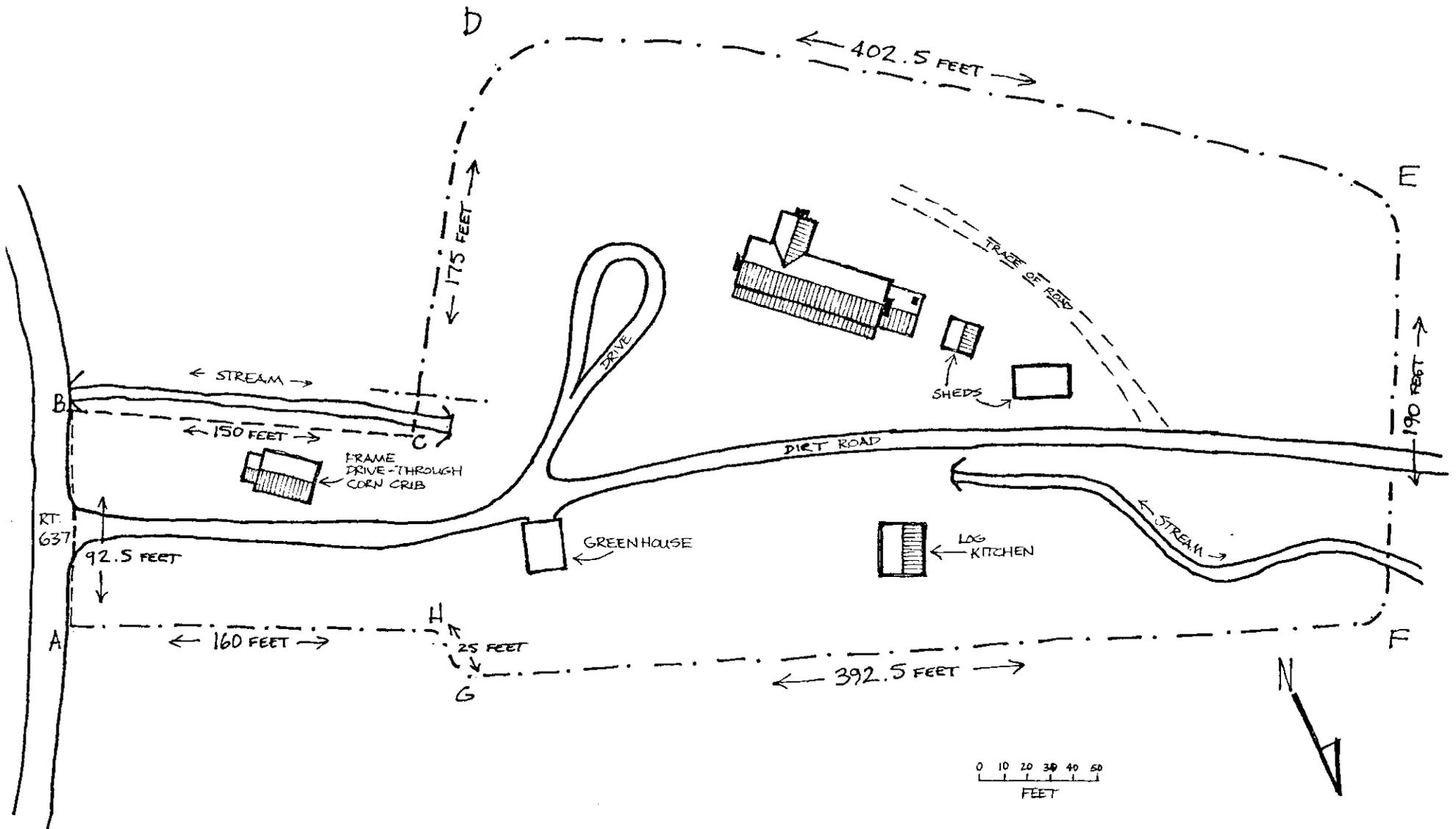
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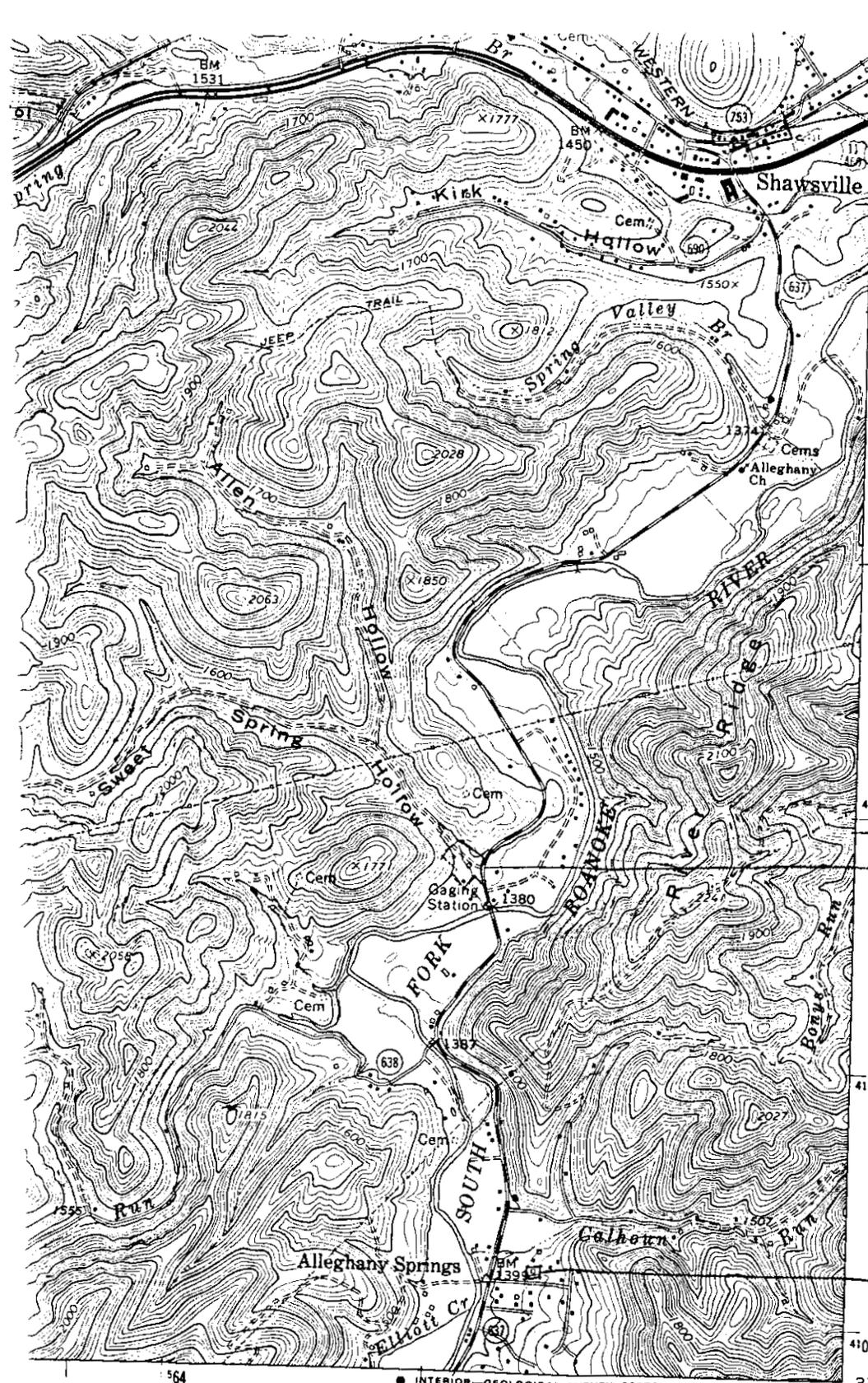
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- 17 566247 4113740
- 17 566270 4113664
- 17 566040 4113619

WILLIAM BARNETT HOUSE

- 17 565100 4110680

ALLEGHANY SPRING SPRINGHOUSE

- 17 565350 4109100

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1983  
PIEDMONT 4.2 MI. 566000m E.

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
- Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route

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